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Mustangs Begin Baseball Winning Streak. WEST JONES ROLLS OVER SOUTH, 14-8

The West Jones Mustangs moved their diamond record to 3-5 with a hitting onslaught over the South Jones Braves, 14-8.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two innings and were never to be headed, as they blasted four home-runs and fifteen hits all together.

Steve Ingram started the fireworks by plastering a Rusty Edwards fast-ball.

Ricky Cockrill, not to be outdone, hit a two-run homer.

This brought on Brave relief pitcher Neil Payne, but the West bombardment kept up, as Robbie Hinton and freshman pitcher Miles Hathorne both hit solo homers late in the game.

Hathorne went six and two-thirds innings to put a win under his belt, and Edwards suffered the loss for South.

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WEST JONES HIGH SCHOOL

MARCH, 1976



MALE QUARTET — Carl Stewart, Rusty Roberts, Lauren Nester, Accompanist, Mike Graham, and Terry Ford.

WEST JONES MALE QUARTET WINS SUPERIOR

For the fifth consecutive year, the West Jones Male Quartet has rated Superior at the District V Choral Festival in Hattiesburg, at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The entire highschool choral department performed on Friday, March 12, at the festival.

The ratings were as follows: choir, excellent; girls' sextet, excellent; mixed quartet, excellent; and male quartet, superior. The male quartet will be judged at the Annual State Choral Festival in April.

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NEWS

MASON PARK IS SITE OF FAMILY LIVING WEDDINGS

The Family Living Department of West Jones sponsors annual weddings as a part of the senior class project in marriage, Carl Stewart acted as pastors for both ceremonies, held this year in Laurel's Mason Park during February.

Bride Regina Henry was attended by Maid of Honor Sheila Keyes, and Bridesmaids Claudin Martin, Pat Evans, Wanda Logan and Lavon Chapman. Her flower girl was Lecia Evans, and the soloist for the wedding was Dianne Abercrombie.

Groom Tony Barnes was attended by his best man Howard Quince and groomsmen Anthony Graves, Alfred Murray, Kenneth Hicks, and Mitchell Jones. His ring bearer was Jimmy Ulmer.

Playing the roles of Regina's parents were Otis Bruce and Diane Flowreny; as grandparents, Terry Barnett and Dorella Gray.

Acting as Tony's parents were Willie Martin and Shirley Buckley; and grandparents, Atkus Straughn and Marie Barnes.

Bride Kathy Hale was attended by Maid of Honor Pam Burge, and Bridesmaids Wanda Herring, Tammy Hill, Jan Jones, and Barbara Greene. Her flower girl was Connie Sims and the soloist for the wedding was Diane Abercrombie.

Groom Thomas Cheeks was attended by his best man Roger Welch and groomsmen Craig Parish, Bobby Wells, Neil Lyon, Joe Massey. His ring bearer was Tony McLaughlin.

Acting as Kathy's parents were Tony Singleton and Paula Caraway, as grandparents, Mike Parker and Jencie Moss.

Thomas's parents were Kirk Royals and Josie Barnes; and grandparents, Jason Howerton and Rita Calloway.

Directors of the wedding were Carol Rogers and Lauren Nester. Janett Welborn was in charge of the flowers and bouquets.

WEST JONES CHEERLEADERS ARE ELECTED

The cheerleader try-outs for the 1976-77 school year were held on April 5. The football cheerleaders elected are as follows: Seniors-Theresa Poore, Janet McAlpin, and Rochelle Johnson; Juniors-Lorre Gavin, Darla Cruise, Melanie Huff, and Cynthia Cooley; Sophomores-Jana Hendry, Becky Lyon, and Kelly Moss.

Basketball cheerleaders are Seniors-Susie Melvin and Theresa Jones; Juniors-Janet Powell and Sophomores-Sheila Bergin and Leslie Jones.

The judges for the cheerleader try-outs were Debbie Everett, Barbara Foley, both from Laurel, and Linda Culpepper from Hattiesburg.

* FINAL EXAMS FOR SENIORS ARE COMING *
* UP SOON AND *
* GRADUATION IS *
* May 11, 1976 *
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WEST JONES HOLDS FFA BANQUET

The West Jones FFA held their annual banquet on March 11 under the sponsorship of Mr. J. H. Webb and Mr. Reese Ishee.

The guest included the West Jones office personnel, officers from the Mississippi Agricultural Department and officers from the United States Department of Agriculture.

Highway patrolman Ralph Newell brought two surprise guests, out-of-state travelers whom he had arrested specifically to bring to the banquet for a Jones County hospitality treat.

The main speaker, Mike Moss, president of the state FFA Department gave the main address. He spoke on agriculture of today and some of his experiments as state FFA president.

The climax of the evening was the election of the new FFA Sweetheart, Terri Rowell. Mr. Webb and Mr. Ishee commented, "The banquet was a big success and we would like to thank the West Jones cafeteria workers for a great job."

FFA MEMBERS CHOOSE SWEETHEART

Our ninth-grade filly of the month Terri Rowell, was named FFA Sweetheart for 1976-77 at the Annual FFA Banquet held on March 11.

Terri the fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rowell lives in the Calhoun community. She attends the Second Avenue Baptist Church where she sings in the Youth Choir.

An honor-roll student she is presently serving as President of the Jr. High Student Council, and is a member of the Jr. Beta Club. Terri's participation in school activities includes being a member of the eight and ninth grade girls basketball team and the Jr High girls track team.

In her spare time Terri enjoys swimming, being with friends, playing basketball and supporting the Colts.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS BIKE-A-THON SPONSORED BY WEST EXPRESS

Because there are thousands of children and young adults in the State of Mississippi with Cystic Fibrosis or related lung diseases, the West Express staff has chosen to invite the entire West Jones student body to join the "bike riders for Cystic Fibrosis" on April 30.

Co-chairmen Susan Lewis and Dianne Craft will be distributing entry blanks for West Jones riders.

Prizes will be given to riders with pledges of \$25 or more.

Everyone is urged to help in this campaign against a most dreaded disease.

* * * * * EDITORIALS * * * * *

CAN YOU DO BETTER?

Susan Lewis

Too often people are too quick to criticize others who are usually doing a job that they themselves don't want to be bothered with doing. People are too free with their criticisms, often without even considering the difficulties involved in the specific task being criticized.

Many times the politicians are criticized and even kicked out of office for not doing THEIR jobs the way people think they should do them. Yet, the critics did not even think about the difficulties and hardships the politician faces from day-to-day. In order to bring it down to a more local level, here is an excellent example of what I'm trying to say.

Practically every time an issue of the West Express goes out, cries of anxiety arise all over campus because some poor neglected student or club was again left out. I feel that if someone has news for the paper, they should bring it to the staff if the staff has overlooked them. I know how easy it is to criticize someone else's effort because before I became a member of the West Express staff, I was among those that lamented. Now, I know what it is like. It is certainly no bed of roses trying to write a story with no cooperation whatsoever from outside sources.

In an effort to get more students to co-operate, a box was placed in the lunch room for student comments, ideas, etc. The box is gone now, though, because of some "kids" who had to write silly, slandering, and even nasty notes. So, one can easily see how some students react to efforts made toward co-operation!

The West Express staff tries to get as many different people, articles, and clubs in each new issue. If you have news and want it in the paper, please bring it by Room 5. The staff cannot read minds. Also, if you think that you can do better..."Good Luck," and come join the staff.

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SEND 'EM HOME, OR SOMETHING

Bruce Gavin

Every month, 20,000 illegal aliens pour into the U.S. Five million of the aliens live in four states along Mexico and thousands of others reside in New York and in Florida.

These illegal entries cost us, the tax payers, \$31 billion a year plus the jobs they take from United States citizens. It seems that the solution would be to tighten border security, to clamp down on illegal entries, and to send the aliens home. However, none of these actions have ever been thoroughly enforced.

A United States senator from California, John Tunney, is now pushing a law that would grant instant citizenship for the illegal aliens and would give them the right to vote. Why? Because most of the aliens would vote Democratic, and Tunney, a democrat, will seek re-election next year.

These aliens should either be sent back to "who knows where," or should be granted this citizenship-which would at least make them have to pay taxes-because no one can look over 31 billion dollars and say, "It'll get better soon."

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HAPPY

EASTER--

APRIL

18th

WEST EXPRESS WINS SUPERIOR RATING

The West Express received a superior rating in the general excellence category at the 30th annual Mississippi Scholastic Press Institute at Ole Miss which was held on Friday, March 26.

Only one other school from this area received a scholastic press award also which was "The Whirl" from R. H. Watkins High School in Laurel.

The paper staff received a certificate which is displayed in the trophy case.

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MATH CLUB TAKES TRIP TO MISSISSIPPI'S 12th ANNUAL MU ALPA THETA CONVENTION

Mr. Paul Graham, Mu Alpha Theta sponsor, accompanied the math students to the 12th annual Mu Alpha Theta convention, at Murrah High School in Jackson on March 5 and 6. Members of the West Jones chapter attending were Daryl Coats, Danny Coats, Johnny Pryor, Tom Long, Bill Long, Melanie Huff, Beth Herrington, Darla Cruise, Lori Starnes, Pam Zumwalt, Teresa Scitz, Debbie Rowell, Jamie McAlpin, Deana Dykes, Gina Wardell, Marsha Dykes, Karen Myrick, Terry Ford, Mike Sumrall, and Lee Matthews.

Three students participated in tests given in geometry, Algebra II, and trigonometry. Mike Sumrall represented West Jones by taking the geometry test and won third place. Danny Coats represented West Jones in the Algebra II test, and Bill Long won first place in the trigonometry test. He was a member of a four-member panel that competed against three other panels to win over-all in a quiz bowl directed by Dr. Frank Anderson from the University of Mississippi.

The West Jones chapter ran junior, Danny Coats for the office of Vice-President. Although Danny did not win he should be recognized for representing West Jones. Johnny Pryor gave Danny's nomination speech which was awarded with a round of applause.

The Mu Alpha Theta, active in representing our school, has brought recognition to West Jones especially during the past few years. Mrs. Mason, senior guidance counselor commented, "This interest shown in the area of math will increase ACT scores in the coming years."

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DRAMA II CLASS TO PRESENT PRODUCTION

The 1976 Drama II class will present "Hansel and Gretel and the Golden Petticoat" on April 13 at several of the elementary schools. The play will be presented at West Jones on April 20. The players have been responsible for making their costumes and will use their creative ability to make the needed props. The drama II class practices every day sixth period on the West Jones stage. Mrs. Wade, along with the students, is looking forward to production. They would appreciate the support of the student body when they present the play. The price of admission will be twenty-five cents. The money will be used to pay for the royalty of presenting the play and the fee will be paid to the Pioneer Drama Service.

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STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL MATHEMATICS EXAMINATION

Fifteen West Jones students participated in the twenty-seventh annual high school mathematics examination on March 9. Mr. Paul Graham has been responsible for the West Jones student participation in this exam, which is taken by students across the United States and Canada. This test is sponsored jointly by the Mathematical Association of America, the Society of Actuaries, the Mu Alpha Theta National Council of Mathematics Teachers, and the Casualty Actuarial Society.

Bill Long, who made the highest score at West Jones this year, commented, "This test is really a difficult one, but it enables your mind to function at its greatest capacity."

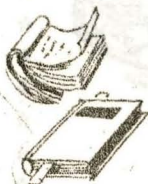
Students participating in the test this year were Bill Long, Daryl Coats, Billy Gray, Danny Coats, Mike Sumrall, Beverly Herrin, Phyllis Johnson, Johnny Pryor, Terry Ford, Deana Dykes, Charles Sullivan, Lee Matthews, Becky Williams, Neil Russell, and Clay Myrick.



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EX-POW VISITS WEST JONES

Lieutenant Colonel Jack Moore (US Army, Retired) spoke to the West Jones student body on March 5 in the gymnasium in a program sponsored by the West Jones Christian Student Union.

Lt. Col. Moore, captured by the North Koreans on October 28, 1948, in Sun Chung, South Korea told of the indignant and brutal treatment he was subjected to while imprisoned by the communists.

Stressing the fact that communism is not as glamorous as the American news media has portrayed it, he placed the following question before the student body, "If the communist system of government is so superior to all others, why do literally hundreds of Europeans lose their lives trying to escape across the iron curtain to freedom?"

Mr. Moore feels that the American public has become completely apothetic to the communist infiltration of our society. He believes that if America's systems of government ever collapses and is given a tombstone, the epitaph will read, "America died because the American people did not want to be bothered."

Colonel Moore was accompanied by Rev. Ross Patterson of the Gateway Baptist Church where Mr. Moore had been a guest speaker. The program was closed by few brief remarks by Mr. W. J. Mason, principal at West Jones, thanking Colonel Moore for speaking to the student body.

QUARTET RECIVES SUPERIOR RATINGS
(continued from front page)

The adjudicators were Dr. Jack Donovan, University of Southern Mississippi; Mr. Lewis Gordon, University of Southern Mississippi; and Mrs. Emma Louis, Jackson State University. On Saturday, March 13, the high school choirs combined to form one mass choir under the direction of Mr. Milfred Valentine who is presently chairman of the Fine Arts Department at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.

The mass choir held a final concert Saturday night in the Performing Arts Center at USM. The West Jones Boys' Quartet, accompanied by Lauren Nester, performed during this concert.



WEST JONES SINGERS TO PARTICIPATE
IN STATE CHORAL FESTIVAL

The West Jones Singers will attend the 1976 Mississippi State Choral Festival April 23-24, in Vicksburg, Mississippi at the Vicksburg Municipal Auditorium. The West Jones Male Quartet will be adjudicated at this festival because they received All-Superior ratings at the District V Choral Festival.

The clinician for this event will be Mr. Don Nuen, who is currently a music instructor at the University of Tennessee.

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WHITIES OVER "GREENIES" IN SPRING GAME

The West Jones Mustangs held the ninth annual "Greene and White" game, the second under head coach Mike Taylor, with the Whites' winning, 40-6.

The Green defense was unable to halt a powerful offensive attack by the White crew that was heavy on running and sprinkled with enough of an aerial attack to keep the Greens off balance. The Whites were led in rushing by a new-comer to the grid-iron, Gary Hartfield, who gained 70 yards for the night. Stan Lyon make a valiant effort for the Greens by rushing for 103 yards and scoring the Green team's only touchdown of the night. Hartfield scored three TD's for the Whites and also scored a two-point conversion. Hartfield was assisted in scoring by Bob Wilson, Barry Moore, (White quarterback), and freshman Freddy Logan.

Afterward Coach Taylor's comments were, "We've had a real good spring and had good hustle during the spring game. I just hope it will continue in the fall."

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TRACK TEAM CAPTURES FIRST PLACE

West Jones was awarded first place over five other schools--Philadelphia, Newton, West Lauderdale, Carthage, and Neshoba Central--at the Choctaw Central High School, where the participated in the class A-AA boys' track meet.

First place winners from West Jones:

- GARY HARTFIELD-HIGH JUMP-5ft. 10 in.
- CRAIG PARRISH-DISCUS-103 ft. 6 in.
- RICKEY OUSLEY-MILE RUN-4 min. 48 sec.
- RICKEY OUSLEY-880-2 min. 5.5 sec.
- GARY HARTFIELD-440-55.4 sec.
- MITCH WELLS-MILE RELAY-3 min. 42 sec.
- OTIS BRUCE- "
- KEN McCULLUM- "
- RICKEY OUSLEY-"

Second place winners:

- GARY HARTFIELD-LONG JUMP-18 ft. 5 in.
- GREG JEFCOATS-SHOT PUT-42 ft. 5 in.
- ROOSEVELT HICKS-100 yd. dash10.3 sec.
- MITCHELL CHAPMAN-220 DASH-24.3 sec.
- CLAY MYRICK-POLL VAULT-9ft. 6in.
- 880 RELAY TEAM-1 min. 35 sec.

Third place winners:

- ROOSEVELT HICKS-LOW HURDLE-23 ft. 8 in
- 440 RELAY TEAM-45.7 sec.
- OTIS BRUCE-HIGH HURDLE-19.8 ft.

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WEST WINS DIAMOND DEBUT

The West Jones Mustangs won their baseball debut of the '76 season, over the South Jones Braves in the Laurel Invitational Tournament.

The Mustangs were leading, going in-to the final innings, but Brave Pitcher Neil Payne homered to send the game into extra innings. It took eleven innings for the Mustangs to finally win it, 7-4.

Steve Powe was the winner on the mound for West Jones and Neil Payne suffered the loss for South. The Mustangs got thirteen hits off Payne, while Powe gave up only nine hits.

In the night's final game, the Mustangs fell to a tough Laurel Tornado squad, 6-5, after a late West rally. The winnings pitcher for the Laurel bunch was Steve Breland, one of three Laurel pitchers used in the game. Steve Ingram suffered the loss on the mound for the Mustangs.

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* * S P O R T S E D I T O R I A L * *
* KEEP THE RIVALRY ON THE FIELD * *

Of late, there has been a great deal of talk concerning an NCAA investigation into Ole Miss recruiting practices. I wonder why?

I must admit I am an avid Ole Miss fan, and I have seen and felt the heavy rivalry between Old Miss and Mississippi State, and I wonder if that rivalry has gone too far?

I think all the Ole Miss and State jokes are a harmless part of the rivalry. I think the buttons and slogans are also harmless. However, when it comes to the point where each school is trying to damage the integrity and reputation of the other institute, then the rivalry has gone too far!

The rivalry should be on the field or court of play, and not in the offices of the administration or athletic head.

Therefore, whether we are Ole Miss fans or Mississippi State backers, we should join to stop any damage from being done and keep the rivalry on the field.

Neil Lyon

MUSTANGS EVEN BASEBALL RECORD

On March 27, the West Jones Mustangs won their second game of the season over the Quitman Panthers by a 19-0 margin.

Steve Powe, Mustang pitcher, had a no-hitter, going into the seventh and final inning when he was relieved by Miles Hathorn. The Panther center-fielder singled off of Hathorn, but that was the only Panther hit. The Mustangs upped their record to 2-2.

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* * * * * CLUB NEWS * * * * *

COMMITTEE VISITS NURSING HOME

The Christian Student Union during the month of February visited the Nu-Care Nursing Home where they presented a variety program for the patients. After the program the members of the CSU visited individually with the patients and passed out valentines.

For the March meeting, the CSU invited a panel of students from Jones County Junior College for an informal visit. The panel consisted of Connie Hosey, a pre-med student; Connie Aycok, secondary education major; Benny Gates, ministerial student; Don Ball, a music student; and Cliff Stewart, athletics. CSU members and the panel discussed such subjects as dating, drugs, career choosing, and making friends.

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WADE CHOSEN AS JUDGE IN SKILL OLYMPICS

Mrs. Jean Wade, West Jones speech teacher, was one of the judges in the Mississippi District III VICA Skill Olympics held on March fifth at JCJC.

Students from all over the state participated in the speech contest by giving speeches on "What VICA means to me." Mrs. Wade said, "The contest was exciting and stimulating, and I enjoyed being a judge." VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) is a club which corresponds with our DECA organization.

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WEST JONES DECA CLUB
SPONSORS TALENT SHOW

On thursday night, April 1, at 7:00 the West Jones DECA Club sponsored a talent show in the gymnasium.

Performing in the talent show were students from Calhoun, Sharon and Shady Grove elementary schools and from West Jones.

In the elementary division, Greg Smith from Calhoun received a blue ribbon for first place in the vocal solo division, while Pam Walters with her piano solo, captured first place in the instrumental division. Rhonda Holland and Shannon Davis received a first place ribbon for gymnastics. The Shady Grove Glee Club received a blue ribbon for first place and was also awarded a trophy for over-all winner in the group vocals.

In the high school division, Jay Welborn placed first in the vocal solos. "Aunt Betty & the B.A.'s" also received a first place blue ribbon for their performance as a musical group. Melanie Huff placed first as over-all winner in the miscellaneous division.

The Master of Ceremonies was Susan Stringer and judges were Mrs. Redonna Ramagos, a Soso Elementary Music teacher; Mr. Red Caldwell, Caldwell Chevrolet in Raleigh; and David Bryant, WNSL Radio Station in Laurel.

Proceeds from this talent show helped to enable the West Jones DECA Club attend the April state convention in Jackson.

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SPEECH CLASS GIVES SPEECHES
ON OUR FOREFATHERS DREAM

Mrs. Jean Wade's first period speech class gave speeches on "Our Forefathers' Dream--Are We Accomplishing It." The speeches consisted of the students' ideas of what they thought about the condition of America today.

Students chose different presentations for their speeches. Some were written as letters to other people, telling what the writer thought of the forefathers dream. Other speeches contained a record of the pilgrims' trip to America. Still others contained the reason for the writing of the constitution.

The class graded each speaker on his appearance, volume, introduction and organization. The students were allowed to use pictures or objects to make their speeches more interesting.

The speeches were the results of long hours of research. Mrs. Wade commented, "If a student can stand in front of the class and give a speech, he can give a speech in front of any group of people."

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DECA CLUB HOLDS BANQUET

On Thursday, March 25, the West Jones DECA Club held their annual employee-employer banquet at the Magnolia Motor Lodge.

After the buffet-style dinner, the entertainment was provided by Dennis Brown and Frances Jay, who sang a variety of songs and played the guitar. Dennis is a music director from Sandersville Baptist Church.

Neal Smith welcomed the guests and Janet Welborn introduced the speaker, Mr. Billy Rogers, who is a principal from Hawkins Junior High School in Hattiesburg.

After the program, Belinda Miller dismissed the guests with prayer.



PERSONALITIES

TOM BOY IS CHOSEN

Delane Dykes, Mustangette-of-the-month, is the tom-boy of her family, since her father has no sons to lend him a hand. She is one of four girls brought up on a farm in the Big Creek community and attends Big Creek Baptist Church along with her sisters, Deana, Demarla, Delilah, and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Dykes. Delane is a member of the Y.L.A.'s and the Youth Choir.

An active member of the Drama II class here at West, she enjoys this class under the supervision of her favorite teacher, Mrs. Jean Wade. Delane is playing the role of Gretel in "Hansel and Gretel and the Golden Petticoat." She feels the play is a unique one that will capture the attention of younger and older audiences alike. Her belief in fun and laughter is reflected in her comic presentation of ventriloquism, a hobby she enjoys. Delane, a country girl, adventures outdoors to enjoy hobbies of horseback riding, swimming, playing softball, and walking in the woods.

Delane spends a great deal of time having fun and being with friends (a special friend is Mark Loftin!) Delane gives a word of advice to those not happy, "Be grateful for what you've got; it could get worse, if you don't try and make it better."

SIMS ADMIRES COACH THOMAS

Stanley Sims, our seventeen year old Mustang of the Month, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harman Sims of the Calhoun Community.

He attends the Indian Springs Baptist Church with his family. Stanley's only sister, Sheila, is a ninth grader here at West and is a member of the Mustang Band.

Stanley's most admired teacher is Coach Jimmy Thomas. When asked why Coach Thomas was chosen, he replied, "I respect his coaching; he is a great teacher and a good leader for young men."

Stanley, a junior, is a two-year letterman in football and baseball. Stanley enjoys hunting and fishing and supporting the Mississippi State Bulldogs.

For the past few years Stanley has added another sport to his list, skiing. Stanley has already enjoyed his new boat at Bogue Homa Lake and a lake in Waynesboro.

After high school, Stanley plans to attend Jones County Junior College.

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ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Onward, Christian soldiers..
Marching as to war, with the
cross of Jesus
going on before. Christ

the Royal Master leads against the foe; Forward into battle
...See, His banners go. Chorus: Onward Christian soldiers
marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.
Like a mighty army moves the Church of God; Brothers, we are

treading where
the saints have
trod. We are
not divided,
all one body we

... One in
hope and doctrine, one
in charity.

Chorus: Onward, Christian
soldiers, marching
as to war...
With the cross
of Jesus going
on before. . . .
Amen.



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4	5	6	7	8	Varsity 9 Track Meet Bay Springs	
Palm Sunday 11	12	13	14	15 Athletic Banquet	16 Good Friday Holiday	
18 Easter	19 Patriot's Day	20	21	22	23 State Choral Festival	
25	26	27	28	29	30	

*April Fools Day
**Jr. High Choral Festival--Hattiesburg
**Sr. Intramural Basketball Games



* * * JUNIOR HIGH NEWS * *

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS PREPARE FOR CHORAL FESTIVAL

Approximately thirty junior high choral students from West Jones will attend the first annual District V Junior High Choral Festival on Friday, April 12, 1976, at Hawkins Junior High School in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

"The students will receive musical training and experience which is designed to benefit them as they pursue a more in-depth study of the art of music," commented Mr. Ken Jones choral music director here at West Jones.

The guest conductor will be Mr. Martin Bittick who has been with the Vicksburg Public Schools for several years as an instructor in the choral music department.

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JUNIOR HIGH BAND STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN BAND CLINIC

Five West Jones Junior High Band members attended the District V Junior High Band Clinic March 6, on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi at the Performing Arts Center.

There were two bands: the red band and the white band. Both bands were of equal rank. The following students were placed in the red band: Jack Parrett, third chair trombone player and Gloria Ferrell, fourth chair trombone player. Kenny Myrick, first chair baritone player; Lisa Guy, third chair French Horn player; and Gerome Stewart, second chair tuba player, were placed in the white band.

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STENNETT'S CLASSES ON THE GO

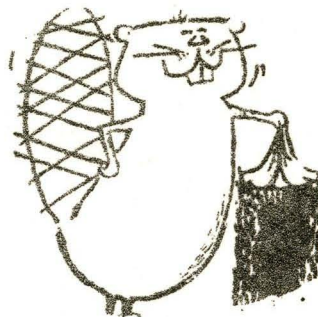
Mrs. Jackie Stennett and her Occupational Orientation II classes traveled to the Jones County Junior College to tour the Special Therapy department. They visited all departments of special careers and talked to people who gave information about each vocation. Mrs. Stennett commented, "The teachers were very helpful in answering our student's questions about special education and therapy."

At a later date, Mrs. Stennett and her classes traveled to Ellisville State School, also to observe the different jobs and careers in special education. At the State School they visited the music therapy, speech therapy, and physical therapy departments.

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Mrs. Stennett commented, "Of all the departments we visited, the students seemed to enjoy the physical therapy division most, because there they could talk to and play with the children."



WOLGAMOTT'S CLASS VISITS DESOTO

The junior high science class of Coach David Wolgamott took a field trip to the Desoto National Forest. The trip was arranged through the Forester Office in Laurel. The guides for the trip were Ivan Cupp and Roger Dennington, both working out of the National Forest Offices in Laurel.

The guides escorted the students approximately seventy miles into the forest, following the Gavin Auto Tour, which can be traveled in a car. While traveling through, the students saw slash pine plantings, long leaf pine plantings, and some hardwood locations. The students discovered that the forest is an excellent example of what forest management can do.

The foresters have established a forty acre block that is not managed or cut, and next to it is a block that is managed by controlled burning and thinning of trees.

The students were able to see one of the fifteen producing oil wells on the forest ground. The students enjoyed a picnic lunch at the Thompson Creek Recreation Area.

Coach Wolgamott commented, "This was my first trip to the forest, but I plan to make it an integral part of my science curriculum. We are grateful to the administration for allowing us to make the trip."

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